Interim report of Moiley Committee

†1972. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Shri M. Veerappa Moiley Committee set up to suggest policy regarding 27 per cent reservation for backward classes of the country, has submitted its interim report to Government;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any decision so far on the basis of this report; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Indian Institutes of Technology

1973. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding Indian Institutes of Technology in various States;

(b) whether there is any proposal to increase and establish new I.I.Ts in near future; and

(c) if so, whether there is any scope for the State of Gujarat to have one such I.I.T.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) At present there are 7 Indian Institutes of Technology in the following States:—

1.	Maharashtra	IIT Bombay
2.	West Bengal	IIT Kharagpur

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

3. Tamil Nadu	—	IIT Madras
4. Uttar Pradesh	—	IIT Kanpur
5. Delhi	—	IIT Delhi
6. Assam	—	IIT Guwahati
7. Uttaranchal	—	IIT Roorkee

(b) and (c) At present the Government of India is not considering any specific proposal for opening of new UTs in the country.

Heavy school bag and homework

1974. SHRI S.M. LAUAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has directed all schools to ensure that students are not over-burdened with heavy school bags and homework;

(b) the details of such guidelines issued by CBSE;

(c) whether it is a fact that schools have ignored these guidelines or directions of CBSE;

(d) whether CBSE will withdraw these infructuous guidelines; and

(e) the reasons for CBSE not following up these matters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has instructed all its affiliated Schools through circulars dated 8th February, 2003, 25th January, 2005 and 4th May, 2006 to implement certain measures to reduce the burden of heavy bag load on children. The Board has taken the following steps to make learning a joyful and exciting experience:—

(i) Policy of elimination of school bags for the students of Classes I and II.

(ii) No homework for students of Class I and II so as to enable them to spend quality time with the parents for their emotional empowerment.